

ONE PROVINCE
IN SECESSION

Kwang-Tung Proclaims Independence of Peking Government

GOVERNOR-GENERAL
NAMED TO WAGE WAR

Canton Is the Capital of the Revolting Province of China

Hong Kong, July 19.—The severance of the province of Kwang-Tung, of which Canton is the capital, from the central government at Peking was proclaimed by the governor general of Kwang-Yung to-day. The governor general declares the provincial council has appointed him governor general and commander-in-chief to lead the southern troops against those of the provisional president, Yuan Shi Kai.

This step has been taken, he says, on account of Yuan Shi Kai's despotism and policy, which are calculated to ruin the republic. The governor general declares he will guarantee the protection of property between Hong Kong and Canton. Business between Hong Kong and Canton has come to a standstill.

REBELS DEFEATED.
Army of 4,000 Lost in Battle With 2,000 Loyal Soldiers.

Peking, July 19.—Four thousand southern rebels from Nanking, province of Kwang-tung, who had crossed the Yangtze-kang to attack the northerners, met with defeat yesterday at the hands of 2,000 troops near Suohowfu which is in the northwestern part of Kwang-tung province and a short distance across the northern border of Anhui province.

WHITE HOUSE BEING
PUT IN REPAIR

Absence of the Mistress and Her Daughters Gives Opportunity To Improve Appearance and Conditions.

Washington, D. C., July 19.—During the absence of Mrs. Wilson and her daughters, advantage is being taken to touch up and freshen the White House. Painters are now at work revivifying the east room and in touching up the walls and ceilings. No changes are being made in the decorative scheme. A basement shower bath is being installed for the benefit of the president. There will also be a general house cleaning, which was not possible in the spring, owing to the hostile incident to the change in administration.

MCKINLEY POST CARD GOING.

Will Give Way to That with Face of Thomas Jefferson.

Washington, D. C., July 19.—The McKinley post card is doomed to disappear and the features of the martyred president will be removed and give way to those of Thomas Jefferson. Postmaster General Burleson has written Senator Burton of Ohio that his decision in this regard is irrevocable. Burleson insists that the change to the memory of McKinley is meant.

MAY BUY AN ISLAND.

Pennsylvania Man Has Option on Lake Champlain Property.

St. Albans, July 19.—It is expected that Ram Island in Lake Champlain will be purchased soon by Guy Carleton Lee of Carlisle, Pa., a lawyer, who has held a lease on the property for a year with an option to purchase. Mr. Lee has been in the city recently.

GREAT ARRAY OF POLOISTS.

Assembled at Narragansett Pier for the Championship Series.

Narragansett Pier, July 19.—The greatest array of polo players in the history of American polo assembled here to-day for the opening of the American championship series, which began this afternoon and will continue four weeks. Thirty contests are scheduled.

A young man recently got married and took a cottage, determined to grow enough vegetables to keep the household going. He started to dig up the garden, and after half an hour's hard work, was astonished to find a silver dollar at his feet. Then he dug with renewed ardor. Several pennies, a quarter and three dimes rewarded his efforts.

"Blow! If this ain't a gold mine!" he said, digging away for all he was worth. "I wonder what I'll find next!"

His arms ached, little beads of perspiration trickled down his nose and his neck felt as though it was breaking. He straightened his back at last with a groan of pain and at the same instant felt something sliding down his leg. In a moment he had grasped the truth. There was a hole in his trousers pocket!

HUMAN CHAIN SAVED
MAN AT NIAGARA

Desperate Effort to Rescue Truman Chapman Last Night After He Had Fallen In.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., July 19.—Truman Chapman, 22 years old, of Hamilton, Ont., was rescued from the very brink of the American falls last night by four men, one of whom took desperate chances to reach him. Chapman was sitting on the iron railing just above Prospect point about nine o'clock when the loiterers in the park were horrified to see him suddenly topple backwards and fall into the stream.

At this point the current is swift and the pull toward the brink of the falls almost irresistible. After striking the water Chapman's body lodged against two small projections of rock and this undoubtedly saved him from almost instant death.

When the cry went up that a man was in the water, John Hughes and Thomas S. Winders of Niagara Falls, Thomas S. Winders of Niagara Falls, fourth man, who did not give his name to the police, leaped over the railing.

The unidentified man waded out several feet from the shore but could not reach far enough to get a secure hold of Chapman, who seemed to be unconscious or unable to help himself. Hughes, Winders and Thomas formed in a chain from the iron fence and clinging to the unknown's hand enabled him to get a few inches nearer Chapman.

When the unconscious man was pulled away from the supporting hold of the rocks there was another moment of intense suspense for the rescuers. His body was a dead weight and the pull of the current toward the brink of the falls, less than 15 feet away, was tremendous. A break in the chain meant not only the loss of Chapman's life but also that of the unknown man who was then too far out to get back to the shore unaided.

Twice the man at the end of the chain was swept from his feet but he clung desperately to his helpless burden and the united efforts of the three men nearest, who had better footing finally swung the two of them out of the grasp of the current.

Chapman was unconscious for over an hour after being taken ashore. Relations said he was subject to fits and undoubtedly was stricken while sitting on the railing.

ENDS 900-MILE FLIGHT.

Chicago to Detroit Trip Most Remarkable Ever Made by Flying Boats.

Detroit, Mich., July 19.—Beckwith Havens completed a flying boat trip from Chicago to Detroit shortly after 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. He followed the route planned for the Chicago to Detroit aviation cruise and covered 900 miles. It is said to have been the most remarkable trip ever undertaken by flying boats.

Although it was announced a few days ago that the cruise, which started from Chicago July 8, had been called off because the private committee which raised bonus money was reported to have withdrawn the prizes, E. P. Noel, steward of the Aero club of America, said here yesterday afternoon that the cruise itself would stand and that Havens would be the winner.

The trouble over the prize money is said to have been caused by the failure of a large number of expected entrants in the contest to get away, and by weather conditions and accidents which delayed the three aviators who started. Those three were Havens, Roy L. Francis and Glenn L. Martin. The latter two while at Pentwater, Mich., July 15, decided to give up the cruise, and Martin announced that Havens also had agreed to discontinue the contest because the prize money had been withdrawn. Havens, however, decided later to finish the trip and show, he said, that the cruise was feasible.

Havens lost four full days and parts of others waiting at various ports for better weather conditions. On the morning of July 15, after Francis and Martin had decided to withdraw, Havens started out from Charlevoix and made what he claims to have been a record flight for a single day, 200 miles. Thursday he reached Port Sanilac, north of Port Huron, and yesterday easily covered the 100 miles to Detroit.

When he landed he had used up his last drop of gasoline and the last five miles were made practically on the water. J. B. Ver Planck, owner of the flying boat, accompanied Havens as passenger throughout the trip.

BALLOON RACE WINNERS.

Only Four Out of Seven Entering the Trial Finished.

New York, July 19.—The distance in the result of the balloon race, covered respectively by the three balloons whose pilots were chosen as the team to represent America in the international balloon race from Paris in October, were announced yesterday by Major Samuel Reber, official statistician of the Aero club of America. R. A. Upson of Detroit in the Goddard covered 685 miles; John Watta of Kansas City in the Fairway covered 673 miles, and H. E. Honeywell of St. Louis in the Kansas City Post, 658 miles.

Several balloons entered the elimination trials but only four finished. Major Reber computed the flights in direct lines on topographical maps. The men chosen for the international race will start with the foreign competitors October 12, from the Tuilleries gardens in Paris. The race, like the trials, will be judged on the basis of miles covered during one continuous flight.

Wearing a Plug Hat in Homeburg.

George Fitch, writing about "Homeburg's Two Four-Hundredths," in the August American Magazine, tells about the difficulties of those in a small town who try to put on airs. Following is an extract:

"The hardships those people inflict on themselves in the sacred cause of correctness are agonizing. It takes something more than nerve to wear a silk hat and Prince Albert down to the Homeburg postoffice on Sundays to get the mail—especially with Ad Summers always on hand to spill a large red laugh into his sleeve and say to some friend in a tremendous stage whisper that the darned duds' legs must be bowed or he wouldn't want to hide 'em that way."

NOT AGREED
TO ACCEPT IT

Whatever May Be the Findings of the Board of Mediation

RAILROADS AND MEN
AWAIT THE RESULT

The Men Have Been Told to Be Ready to Go on Strike

New York, July 19.—Both railroads and unions were prepared to play the waiting game to-day in the matter of the scope of arbitration proceedings looking to a settlement of the wage dispute involving forty-five lines and nearly 100,000 men.

The general committee of 100 Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and Order of Railway Conductors met to consider last night's letter from the railroad managers, in which they offered to leave to the newly appointed board of mediation and conciliation the question as to whether the roads' grievances shall be arbitrated along with the men's demand for increased wages.

While the unions have insisted that this proposal was not even debatable and have instructed all their members to be ready to strike, it is understood they will await the decision of the mediators although neither side has agreed to abide by their findings.

RAILROADS WILLING
TO LET BOARD DECIDE

What Matters Shall Be Presented for Arbitration—Sent Letter To Employees Last Night.

New York, July 19.—The eastern railroads engaged in a wage controversy with their 80,000 trainmen and conductors, indicated last night their willingness to leave with the board of mediation and conciliation appointed by President Wilson the decision as to which questions are to be submitted for arbitration under the Newlands amendment to the Erdman act.

In a letter to the leaders of the trainmen, the conference committee of managers said it seemed to them "that the immediate difference of opinion relating to the points to be submitted for arbitration is a matter to be considered by the board of mediation and conciliation."

The managers had reference to their demands that "all questions of pay and working conditions" be settled along with the men's demand for better wages. A definite statement that the roads would abide by the mediation board's decision, even if it ruled out all but the trainmen's present demands, was lacking in the manager's letter last night, and no railroad official could be found who would supplement the formal utterance. The roads have maintained that they would insist upon "all questions" being arbitrated by the board.

A definite statement that the roads would abide by whatever decision the mediation board might make. The managers in their letter of July 16, setting forth their eight grievances, referred to them as the ones which the railroads "intend" to have incorporated in the agreement to arbitrate. The roads in their letter to the men last night, while describing their position as unchanged, expressed themselves as "willing" to refer their demands to the mediation board.

President Lee of the Brotherhood of Trainmen commented upon the change in wording. He expressed belief that a comparison of the two letters of the two letters indicated that a modification of the roads' position has taken place within the last forty-eight hours.

In their letter the managers quoted from the record of the meeting between the conference committee and the trainmen's officials on July 16 when A. B. Garretson, president of the Order of Railway Conductors, had asked that the men's attitude in regard to the mediation be not misunderstood.

"We among ourselves," the record quoted Mr. Garretson as saying, "have not discussed the question of bringing mediators in. I will say to you frankly that this condition might readily arise; that if disagreement arose between us in the matter of formulating the stipulations which the Newlands bill calls for, it would undoubtedly be a desirable thing to do."

The managers apparently quoted this with the intention of showing that the trainmen themselves had suggested possible differences in framing the arbitration stipulations and had regarded the mediative body as the proper one to which such differences should be referred.

The men reiterated their purpose to demand that this meeting be held at once and indicated that a strike would be called within twenty-four hours afterward if the roads refused to sign a stipulation that only the men's demands be submitted for arbitration.

WILL ORGANIZE TO DAY.

Federal Board of Mediation and Conciliation in Washington.

Washington, D. C., July 19.—The new federal board of mediation and conciliation will hold its first meeting here to-day to organize and prepare for immediate consideration of the controversy between the eastern railroads and their

80,000 trainmen and conductors. The call was issued late last night by Judge William Lea Chambers, whose appointment as commissioner with those of the members of the board, was sent to the Senate by President Wilson earlier in the day.

According to custom, the nominations were referred to a committee and will not be reported back to the Senate until to-day, but their immediate confirmation is considered certain, and Judge Chambers is getting ahead with plans for the board's work. The judge will leave Sunday night for New York to confer with representatives of the railroads and the employees and it is not likely that the controversy will be brought officially to the attention of the board before that time.

The first meeting of the board would have been held yesterday afternoon but owing to the absence in Boston of one of the members, Louis F. Post, assistant secretary of labor, it was decided to wait until to-day. A telegram was sent to Mr. Post urging his return.

Judge Chambers said last night that the board would sit permanently in Washington and he hoped to have as many of the meetings here as possible. Speaking of his call at the White House yesterday to thank President Wilson for his appointment, he said that he never met the president before. The president told him he had appointed the man who was almost universally favored for the position.

ALLEGED BABY FARM
IS BEING PROBED

Following Death of Abandoned Infant at Place in Burlington—State's Attorney Hopkins Is Investigating.

Burlington, July 19.—The unknown infant which was abandoned at the home of Mrs. Albert Munson on North street died yesterday morning at the poor farm, within twenty-four hours after it was turned over to the pauper department. Because of the many unusual features connected with the death, State's Attorney Hopkins ordered an autopsy performed, and this was done yesterday by physicians at the state laboratory. He will make an investigation of the maternity hospital operated by Mrs. Munson and her methods of conducting it.

In an interview yesterday Mrs. Munson said that she maintained a maternity hospital for six or seven years, but that she had only taken care of ten or eleven babies in that time. When asked what had become of the babies, she replied that she endeavored to find homes for them. In answer to the inquiry as to how many she had placed in homes, she could remember only one.

In this case, she said, the child was prematurely born. On the night of the heavy rain in June a carriage had driven up to her door while she was sitting on the veranda. A woman with a basket got out and asked to come in. When a light was brought, a baby was seen to be in the basket and the woman asked her how much she would charge for keeping it. The stranger said the mother was very sick in a hospital. Mrs. Munson told her the rate was \$3 a week. An agreement was reached and payment was made for two weeks' board. The woman said she would be back the next morning with clothes, but never came. Mrs. Munson said that she never learned the person's name and could therefore not divulge it to the authorities.

MILK CHECKS ARRIVING.

Thus Relieving Part of the Tension Around Middlebury.

Middlebury, July 19.—Some of the farmers who sell their milk to the Boston Dairy Co. were well pleased yesterday to receive their milk checks for the month of May. This pleasant bit of news will do away with the scare that the patrons of the Boston company were in danger of losing two months pay for milk, which amounts to thousands of dollars.

Although letters from the offices of the company at Boston stated that the milk market in that city was very uncertain, but that the shippers would receive their pay, this did not prevent the farmers from filing a petition with Secretary of State Bailey, asking him that the bond of the Boston company be looked up, if such a bond had been filed at his office. It had become rumored around here that some of the milk concerns doing business in this state had not yet filed their bonds with the secretary of state although required to by an act of the last legislature.

SENDING FINANCIAL AID.

To Interests Which Were Hit By Kuhn Failure.

Chicago, July 19.—It became known to-day that Chicago financiers are planning to aid the interests involved in the failure, July 7, of the Kuhn bank at Pittsburg, Mo. A number of bankers here of the American Water Works Co., of which J. S. Kuhn is president, it was hoped by all present to work out a plan whereby the company would soon be taken from the receiver's hands and placed on a substantial basis, and it is reported that Chicago men will furnish the necessary funds to get the water works company out of its present difficulty.

TALK OF THE TOWN

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Holden and son, Max, of South Main street are in camp at Berlin pond.

B. Albisetti and C. Maffini left this forenoon for Highgate Springs, where they will pass a week in camp.

H. C. Leonard, W. S. Page and John Trow have returned from Montreal, P. Q., where they attended the opening of the Canadian grand circuit races.

Maynard Kiser of Schenectady, N. Y., is visiting in this city and in Plainfield. Mr. Kiser's wife and son are stopping with friends in Newport, N. H., for a short visit.

Carlo received here from William T. Halvosa tell of his safe arrival in Colon, Panama, where he has recently been assigned by the government to a clerical capacity. Mr. Halvosa speaks in no uncertain terms of the warm weather prevailing on the isthmus.

Mr. and Mrs. John Galli and daughter of Northfield, who were visitors in the city yesterday, left last night for Boston, whence they sailed to-day on the White Star liner, Canopic, for a former home in Italy to make an extended visit with relatives.

7 BUILDINGS
DESTROYED

When Lightning Struck on Job Reynolds Farm at St. Albans Point

ALL FARM TOOLS
WERE ALSO LOST

Farm Was Leased by Jewell Morrill, Whose Loss Is Heavy

St. Albans, July 19.—During the severe storm last evening, lightning struck the buildings on the Job Reynolds estate farm at St. Albans Point, which is leased and carried on by Jewell Morrill, whose farm lies just across the road from the Reynolds farm. The buildings were at once a mass of flames and all were burned, together with all their contents. The Reynolds farm is located near Samson's Lake View hotel.

The lightning struck the farther north barn on the estate and soon spread to a much larger barn which was filled with hay. Then the flames spread to two sheds, to an engine house, to a well house and finally to a tenement house, burning all. All the farming tools and machinery were destroyed. The well house was located over a drilled well through solid rock to a depth of eight feet. The fire occurred between 8:30 and 9 o'clock.

The loss is well covered by insurance. Mr. Morrill is a heavy loser.

A NARROW ESCAPE.

When Large Branch Fell on House in Winooski.

Winooski, July 19.—During the wind storm last evening, the large branch of a tree in front of the house of M. L. Smith on Platt street, broke and fell upon the roof of the house and the veranda. The Misses Mary and Nora Smith, who were sitting on the veranda, escaped being struck by the smaller branches of the broken limb completely covered the veranda, where they were sitting. The eaves of the roof were considerably damaged by the heavy weight. Before it broke and fell, the large branch had threatened pedestrians. But little rain fell in the village.

JEWELRY NOT FOUND.

But Liberal Reward Has Been Offered in Burlington.

Burlington, July 19.—A liberal reward has been offered for the return of the \$2,000 worth of rings taken from a toilet room in the Hotel Vermont, a guest, Mrs. A. S. Moss of San Francisco, being the loser. The offer of a reward states that "no questions will be asked." Mrs. Moss came to the city with Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Ballard of Montpelier. One of the rings was of seven diamonds, another of pigeon-blood ruby of large size and the third of pearls.

Mrs. Moss left the three rings on a shelf in the dressing room and did not discover her loss until an hour later, when the management of the hotel was notified and later the police. A search was at once instituted and while that was in progress, W. E. Vail of the Old Bee Hive called up the hotel and asked if the lost rings had been recovered.

It developed that a short time before a girl of about twenty years of age had entered the store and showed Mr. Vail one of the rings. She was apparently honest about the matter and said she had found it in the dressing room of the hotel. She asked his advice in the matter of disposing of it and he directed her to the newspapers, where she could advertise and also told her to tell the management of the hotel. This she said she would do, but she did neither, and it was not until Mr. Vail called up that it was learned that the rings had been shown about town.

There was a large excursion in the city that afternoon from points across the lake and Mr. Vail went with others to the boat to see if he could discover the woman. The trains were searched as well, but were likewise a failure in producing any results.

FARMER FATALLY HURT.

George Langevin of North Ferrisburg Died in Hospital.

Burlington, July 19.—George Langevin of North Ferrisburg died at the Fanny Allen hospital at 2:30 o'clock yesterday morning from injuries received in an accident ten days ago while employed on his farm. He was driving a horse rake when a whiffletree broke. Mr. Langevin has a brother living in this city. The body was sent yesterday noon to North Ferrisburg, where he leaves a wife and six children. Mr. Langevin was forty-two years of age.

East Montpelier Campmeeting.

The 12th annual session of the East Montpelier Evangelical Campmeeting association will convene Friday, July 25, at 7:30 o'clock p. m., and continue through Sunday, August 3, with three preaching services daily, at 10:30, 2:30 and 7:30 p. m. These services are held for the extension of scriptural holiness.

The workers this year will be Rev. F. C. Stevens of Cambridge, Mass., Rev. C. E. Doty of Lowell, Mass., Rev. Thomas Laite, pastor of the People's Evangelical church at Montpelier, and Rev. E. Hilton Post, evangelist and gospel singer, of Boston. Rev. Post is also a musical composer of some note.

Board and lodging may be obtained on the campgrounds at a nominal sum, and land may be obtained on which to pitch tents. The ground is located between East Montpelier village and the railroad station, Fairmont, on the M. & W. R. railroad. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend.

ASK FOR RESIGNATIONS.

Crowd of Burlington People Initiate the "Recall" of City Officials.

Burlington, July 19.—In answer to a petition of 79 voters and presented to Mayor Burke yesterday afternoon a special meeting which drew a crowd was held last evening in City Park, just previous to the hand of the storm. The resolutions were drawn to protest against the further incumbency in office of Zoticus Gravel, superintendent of streets, and F. N. Frchette, chairman of the board of street commissioners. Mayor Burke was the presiding officer and L. C. Raymond was elected secretary of the meeting. The meeting was brief so as not to interfere with the band concert. The vote was unanimous in support of the following resolution:

Whereas, a special committee was appointed by the board of aldermen for the purpose of investigating charges, made against the street department; and Whereas, after a careful investigation, it found facts which clearly show that Zoticus Gravel, superintendent of streets, and F. N. Frchette, chairman of the board of street commissioners, are incompetent to properly manage said department; and it further found that by their acts as officials in trying to purchase a certain piece of property, we believe they have forfeited the confidence of the people; and

Resolved, that we, the citizens here assembled, enter our protest against their further retention in office, and that they be asked to resign forthwith and in failing so to do, they be immediately removed from office by the proper authorities. And be it further resolved that the secretary of this meeting be requested to send a copy of these resolutions to each member of the city council, and each member of the board of street commissioners.

JAS. A. ROWAN'S FUNERAL.

Was Held Yesterday Afternoon, With Burial at Hope Cemetery.

The funeral of James A. Rowan, whose sudden death occurred at his home, 86 Summer street, Wednesday forenoon, following a long period of ill health, was held at the house yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. Duncan Salmon, pastor of the First Presbyterian church officiating. During the services, the choir from the Presbyterian church sang two selections. The bearers were chosen from members of the church government to which Mr. Rowan had belonged. They were as follows: James S. Milne, City Clerk James Mackay, George Young, William McDonald, William Hurry and George Stuart. The remains were taken to Hope cemetery for interment. Around the casket was banked a profusion of flowers.

Among those present at the funeral from out of the city were Mrs. Michael Bowden and Mrs. Benjamin Holgate of Lowell, Mass., and Mrs. Clement Moody of Warren, Me., all of whom are daughters of the deceased.

GIVEN FAREWELL TOKENS.

Mrs. Frank Place and Daughter Remembered Last Evening.

When Mrs. Frank Place and daughter, Cecil, returned last evening, after being invited out to supper, they were surprised to find about the house a number of the Macabees, who had gathered at the home of Mrs. William Avery of Tremont street to give them a farewell reception. A very pleasant evening was enjoyed by all. Refreshments of coffee, sandwiches, ice cream and cake were served.

Before the party broke up, Mrs. Eva Perkins in behalf of the members of the Harmon hive, presented Mrs. Place and Cecil tokens of remembrance. Mrs. Place being presented a cut glass dish and Cecil a china set. They accepted in a fitting manner and Mrs. Place, in a few well-chosen words, responded for herself and Cecil.

Mr. Place Also Surprised.

Meanwhile Mr. Place was the guest of honor at a surprise party tendered him in the offices of Paige & Campbell, when fifteen of his business associates gathered to bid him farewell. The affair was of an informal nature and several members of the company took occasion during the evening to express their regrets at Mr. Place's coming departure. One of the pleasant features of the party was the presentation of an electric reading lamp to the guest of honor. With his family, Mr. Place leaves Monday for Burlington, where he will be engaged in business.

DISREGARD QUARANTINE.

Woman With Pronounced Smallpox Takes Ride in Street Car.

Burlington, July 19.—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Charonne, quarantined at the city isolation hospital for small pox, walked out of that place yesterday, took down the warning sign which had been posted there, and boarded an electric car for their home at Lakeside.

Health Officer Dr. D. J. Nolan was notified and hurried to Lakeside where he found the couple at their home. They said they did not like the drinking water at the hospital and did not get enough to eat. The house was immediately quarantined.

The husband was at the hospital guarding his wife, who had also been pronounced a case of the disease ever known here. The seats of the car in which the couple rode were cleaned with a carbolic acid solution. The Charonnes came here from Canada.

Congregational Church Schedule.

The following is the schedule for the Sunday morning services of the Congregational church for the summer.

July 27.—Rev. F. A. Poole, Worcester, Mass.

August 3.—Rev. C. H. Smith, Burlington, representing the Anti-Saloon league, with the Hedding Methodist church.

August 10.—Congregational church, Rev. R. F. Lowe, St. Johnsbury.

August 17.—Congregational church, Prof. Carl Vase, Woodbury, Newbury university, Northfield.

August 24.—Methodist church, Prof. F. E. Woodruff, Bowdoin college, Brunswick, Me.

August 31.—Methodist church, Rev. S. F. Blomfield, Montpelier.

WILL NOT ABATE
REALTY TAXES

Barre Board of Civil Authority Took That Position Last Night

AND RECONSIDERED
FORMER ABATEMENTS

A Number of Poll Taxes Were Crossed Off Last Evening

A majority opinion held by the board of civil authority in session at the city court room last evening resulted in the dismissing of several petitions for tax abatements on real estate and the reconsideration of petitions presented for a similar purpose at the meeting last Tuesday night. Action taken on the cases reconsidered was consistent with the disposition made in the petitions forwarded last night, since it seemed to be the prevailing sense of the board that the city pursued an unwise policy in abating assessments on real estate.

Not all of the members concurred in this feeling, however, for when the question came to test in the case of Mrs. Katherine Dineen, three of the board, Aldermen Michael Keefe, D. J. Sullivan and Martin Riley voted in favor of granting the request. A majority of the board voted to dismiss the petition and dismissals in the remaining cases without opposition.

The session was called to order at 7 o'clock for the purpose of going over the remainder of the tax books of Constable M. B. Nichols, but the requests of several petitioners were heard before the board got down to the real business of the evening. F. G. Howland presided and to the original seven who responded to the call at the hour of seven, four more were added as the evening progressed. Mrs. Katherine Dineen asked that a tax on her house and land on Pike street be abated. She declared that she was about to place her five small children in a home outside the city and that she herself planned to leave Barre. It was on her petition that the issue of abating on real estate was raised, the vote to dismiss following a lengthy discussion.

On behalf of Mrs. Mary Reid of Maple avenue, J. K. Anderson asked that the tax on her property be abated. The request was dismissed. J. N. Carroll asked that the tax on the real estate of his brother, A. A. Carroll, lately deceased, be abated, and the request was dismissed, although the board voted to abate Mr. Carroll's poll tax. Sam Wheeler appeared in person and denied any report that he had money in the bank. He asked that he be allowed the month of August in which to pay his tax without the customary fee attached to each tax bill unpaid after August 1. His request was dismissed.

C. L. Currier came before the board for a rebate of last year's poll tax on the ground that he was over 70 years old. The rebate was made. Mrs. Oreste Bonani asked that her husband's poll tax be abated, on account of his declining health. Her request was granted. Morton A. McAllister, in a letter to the clerk, enclosed a receipt for his taxes in the town of Richmond. His local assessment was abated. George Pithe's poll tax was abated on account of injuries which have confined him to the house for several months. Francis Grady's poll tax was abated because of his proven minority. Abatements were also made on the following cases, which were found to be duplicates: George Allee, duplicate for George Elias; John Amos, for Amos John; John Carlson for John Carlson; Joe Gavafor for Joe Gavafor; Frank Provost, for Frank Provost; George Rithie, for George Rithie.

Real estate abatements requested by Mrs. Mary Cook, Mrs. Lizzie Cook and Mrs. John D. Patterson at a prior session of the board were reconsidered and then dismissed by vote. On account of his disease, the poll tax of Norman B. York for 1913 was abated and the board turned its attention to the books of former Constable Nichols. Books covering a period which extended from 1909 through 1912 were examined and abatements made in a number of instances. Before adjournment at 10 o'clock, a motion was carried to instruct the clerk to mark the abatements on each book as ordered by the board.

For causes as described, abatements were made as follows:

1909.—Joseph O'Heron, moved to Virginia; Timothy Dineen, unknown.

1910.—Ben A. Bylow, deceased; Robert Imah, jr., minor; L. E. Willey, moved to Waterbury.

1911.—John Cruickshank, deceased; W. P. Day, incapacitated; James Grant, deceased.

1912.—Wallace Bruce, deceased; Charles Cain, duplicate for Charles Cain; Carlo Castano, duplicate; Charles Clark, war veteran and 90 years old; Leon Farnsworth, moved away; Peter Porchetti, duplicate; Joseph M. Gilbertson, incapacitated; Robert Maitland, deceased; Lawrence Mazzoni, deceased; John McEnnon, deceased; William Nicol, deceased; Levi Rowell, deceased; David Sickle, removed; Isaac Simon, duplicate; L. E. Willey, removed; Luigi Carabuzzi, minor; Luigi Venetti, duplicate. Abatement in the case of William Douglas, deceased, was reconsidered when it was found that he left an estate.

REWARDED FOR SERVICES.

A. G. Beardsley of St. Albans Gets \$